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SUBJECT: CREATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY

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1. GOJ APPEARS UNHAPPY AT NOT HAVING RECEIVED INVITATION
TO FORTHCOMING MEETING AT SUVA WHERE SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES
WILL DISCUSS FORMATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES
AGENCY. BECAUSE TUNA AND SKIPJACK FISHERIES IN SOUTH PACIFIC
AREA ARE OF GREAT VALUE TO JAPAN, ITS POLICY TOWARD TUNA
MANAGEMENT REGIME IN ARE IS BEING DEVELOPED WITH EXTREME
CARE AND IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

2. SOME IN GOJ FEAR THAT ABSENCE OF DISTANT WATER
NATIONS, SUCH AS JAPAN, MIGHT LEAD AGENCY TO DEVELOP
PROHIBITIVE TERMS FOR FISHING BY OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS
WOULD BE SEVERE BLOW TO JAPAN TUNA INDUSTRY, WHICH,
ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, CATCHES OVER 100,000 TONS OF
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TUNA AND SKIPJACK ANNUALLY IN AREA OF CONCERN. POLICY
THAT APPEARS TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT NOW IS NOT
TO OBJECT TO FORMATION OF NEW AGENCY; BUT, RATHER
PLAN TO WORK WITH ENTITY THAT DEVELOPS TO ENSURE
CONTINUATION OF HISTORICAL FISHING RECORD BE IT AN
AGENCY THAT HAS MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OR BE IT INDIVIDUAL
COUNTRIES THAT RETAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

3. GOJ SEES THREE POINTS THAT MUST BE RESOLVED WHICH
ARE OF MOST INTEREST TO IT:

(A) WILL NEW AGENCY BE BOUND BY A LOOSE AGREEMENT
THAT LAYS OUT PRINCIPLES ONLY LEAVING MANAGEMENT TO
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR WILL AGENCY ITSELF HAVE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.

(B) WHAT WILL AGENCY DO CONCERNING REPRESENTATION
OF COUNTRIES HAVING SIGNIFICANT
FISHERIES IN AREA AND OF OTHER ENTITIES SUCH AS MICRONESIA.
SOME FEELING EXISTS THAT INCLUSION OF MICRONESIA WOULD
ADD STABILITY TO THE AGENCY.

(C) WILL NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA CONSENT TO
AGENCY INTERFERENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF SOUTHERN BLUEFIN
TUNA STOCKS WHICH ARE FISHED HEAVILY BY JAPAN BUT WHICH
DO NOT MIGRATE INTO 200-MILE ZONES OF OTHER SOUTH
PACIFIC COUNTRIES.

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